GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Power Generation Capacity
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether 16,000 megawatt gas fired generation capacity is lying idle for want of fuel and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has taken any steps to supply fuel to these plants and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has any plans to use coal cess accumulated so far and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the future plans of the Government for the use of coal cess diverted/to be diverted to National Clean Energy Fund?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR POWER,
COAL, NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY AND MINES

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) & (b) : Government of India has sanctioned a scheme for importing spot Re-gasified Liquefied Natural Gas (RLNG) during 2015-16 and 2016-17 for the stranded gas based power plants as well as for plants receiving domestic gas upto the target Plant Load Factor (PLF) selected through a reverse e-bidding process. The scheme provides for financial support from PSDF (Power System Development Fund). The scheme envisages sacrifices to be made collectively by all stakeholders, including the Central and State Governments by way of exemptions from applicable taxes and levies/duties on the incremental RLNG being imported for this purpose. 3 Phases of auction of e-bid RLNG have been completed so far and the 4th Phase is presently under operation from 1st October, 2016 to 31st March, 2017.
(c) & (d) : The coal cess levied on coal produced / imported has since been renamed as clean environment cess. The cess collection is transferred to National Clean Energy Fund (NCEF). The amount accumulated in NCEF is being utilized for schemes / projects duly appraised by an Inter-Ministerial Group chaired by the Finance Secretary and approved by the competent authority in Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance. The schemes / projects of Ministry of New & Renewable Energy, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change and Ministry of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation are covered and being funded from NCEF.
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